

**Amendments to the Specification:**

[0016] Figure 2 shows a longitudinal section of a cooking device 13 designed in accordance with the invention. The cooking device 13 comprises an L-shaped supporting frame 16 with a vertical limb 17 and a horizontal limb 18. The horizontal limb 18 supports three drums 19, 20, 21, namely the service drum 19, the frying drum 20 and the discharge drum 21. The service drum 19 is designed as a sheath closed at one end and open at the other end that accommodates the frying drum 20 with the discharge drum 21, which are slid into it. The open end of the service drum 19 is closed with a cover 22 that renders the frying drum 20 with the discharge drum 21 incapable of being displaced in the axial direction. A conveyor chute (slide) 23 is provided in the discharge drum 21 that has its downstream end passing through the cover 22. The cover 22 is pressed against the open end face of the service drum 19 by preferably three swivelling clamps 24 that have one end mounted by means of a swivel joint on the vertical limb 17, while their other ends press the cover 22 against the ring-shaped end face of the service drum by means of screws 25. The service drum 19 is joined to the horizontal limb 18 by means of stays 28. ~~An output shaft 29~~ A first driving shaft 29 passes through the centre of the bottom 26 of the frying drum 20 and the bottom of the service drum 19 and on the side of the vertical limb 17 is joined to ~~the~~ a second driving shaft 30 of an electrical motor 31 that passes through the vertical limb 17. The free shaft stump 32 that projects free into the frying drum 20 is joined by means of a plug-in coupling to the agitator 33, which rotates around the fixed discharge drum 21.